

Stay in Tune

If you play any music in your business you need clearance to do so from the owners of the music. Whether you run a hairdressers, dentist, shop, factory or office, you need to check if you need a licence to play music.

The PRS (Performance Rights Society) MCPS

(Mechanical Copyright Protection Society) alliance represent the owners of music and can get you the clearances you need. They are a not-for-profit organisation.

They have been contacting retailers to explain changes in tariffs for shops and stores that came into effect on January 1st 2008.

Listening to the radio personally (for example, through headphones connected to a radio or an iPod) does not constitute a performance, so a licence is not necessary. However, if more than one person is listening to a device then it becomes a performance, and you have to pay the PRS

between £90 and £400 a year (depending on several factors).

You can either pay for a licence, stop playing the radio or tell staff that radios should be played at a low volume level so no one else can hear.

An announcement on the company notice board might be enough evidence that you are trying to act within your legal responsibilities.

Visit the website www.mcps-prs-alliance.co.uk or call 020 7580 5544 for more information



Welcome...

to the first edition of the red tape newsletter in 2008.

Inside this issue you will find information about a

number of topics ranging from our New Years

regulation resolutions to how to control staff internet

use.



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